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SCHOOL PLANNING COUNCIL MET THURSDAY

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Board for their consideration. Committees are conducting studies in Kindergarten, Vocational Education, Continuing Education, Special Education, and Holding Power Factors to eliminate drop-outs.

At the present time, there is a very strong vocational program which is pointed up by the fact that all 1972 graduates of the local high school are employed or continuing their education. The work of the vocational training task force will be to conduct a study of areas in which local businesses would likely be seeking more graduates who demonstrate initial training. A wider vocational offering will be made to the students with the opening of the new high school building in 1974. The curriculum will reflect the needs of the immediate community as well as develop skills which might be necessary in seeking employment in nearby towns.

The responsibility for developing the five year plan, as well as other systemwide plans required by the Standards of Quality and Objectives, is given to the Planning Council. The Council was appointed by E. W. Peyton, Superintendent, and endorsed by the School Board. Named to this group were Frank C. Chuchek, L. A. Beamon, John C. Cole, H. W. Tucker, Mrs. Barbara Waddell, W. T. Johnson, Mrs. Hezteine, Foster, Mrs. Virginia Cyrus, Mrs. Esteline McGraw, R. B. Carter, Mrs. Virginia Goode, Miss Erna Dickerson, W. W. Wallis, Daniel Davis, and Mrs. Jean Hesson, chairman.

Receives Recognition

J. Robert Trent, New Director WTVR News, Richmond, Virginia, has received recognition for his interest in law enforcement from the Chief of Police in Richmond.

Trent is the son of Mrs. J. L. Trent and the late Mr. Trent and is the brother of Mrs. Ethel Franklin of Appomattox.

In a letter recently received from Colonel Frank S. Duling, Chief of Police, Richmond, Mr. Trent was notified as follows: "In recognition of your interest and outstanding service to law enforcement, the Richmond Bureau of Police takes pleasure in awarding you the "Service to Law Enforcement: citation certificate.

"For many years, your professional performance as a member of the local news media has greatly assisted the Richmond Bureau of Police. Your unbiased and accurate accounts of news is unsurpassed and has proven to be an invaluable service to the police and the local community. The service you have rendered is a credit to you, your community and the organization you represent.

"For your valuable and outstanding performance, you have earned the "Service to Law Enforcement" citation certificate. I join with all members of the Bureau of Police in congratulating you for your efforts in doing your part in helping to make our community a safer one in which to live."

"Bob" Trent heads up the News 90 program, seen nightly from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Channel 6, WTVR, Richmond.

TO PARTICIPATE IN COLLEGE CONCERTS

Williamsburg - Thomas Terry, of Appomattox, will be participating in the annual Christmas choir and chorus concerts at the College of William and Mary next week. Terry is a member of the choir.

Under the direction of Dr. Carl A. Fehr, the singers will present Christmas carols from around the world and will open their program with a procession of lights. Several numbers will include instrumental ensembles.

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The Pastor Speaks

MISUNDERSTANDING TROUBLE

Everyone experiences trouble, problems, and trials. Even if you are a Christian (one who has been born by the Spirit of God), you are not excused from trouble. Neither are we good judges of what is good and what is bad. We are bothered too much by circumstances and human comfort. Many of God's best blessings are packaged in tribulation. Many times when God wants to say something to us He allows trouble to come to prepare us to listen to Him. We often wrongfully conclude that everything is bad that seems bad. The Bible says, "All things work together for good to them that love God . . ." (Romans 8:28a).

We cannot believe for a second that God is going to allow something to happen that would make that statement a lie. Do you always look at trouble as coming from the devil to defeat your life? It may well be that God has allowed it to stop you or slow you down long enough that you will consult with Him about something that is very important to your life and to His Kingdom!

The Christian often has a mountaintop experience, but his walk in this life is not all mountainous. It is great to be with God on the mountain where the thunder roars and the fire falls, but had not God been working in the lowlands or the valley there would have been nothing to happen on the mountain. Before Elijah's Mount Carmel victory there was his valley victory. He almost lost the victory because he was unprepared for the valley.

If we are not careful we will be looking for God on the mountains and miss Him in the valley. After the big blast, the spurt, the falling fire, the big meeting, there are the daily schedules, the daily grind, the routine, the little things. We must not forget that the same God is the god of the kitchen sink, the assembly line, the wash day, the office, the diaper changing, the flat tire. Don't miss Him in the pleasant meadow by looking only on the mighty mountain.

Richard C. Brackin, Pastor
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The Sunday School Lesson

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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for December 17, 1972 —
Costly Loyalty
Scripture: Jeremiah 20-21; 37-38; 39:15-18
"They will fight against you; but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, says the Lord, to deliver you." Jeremiah 1:19

Only two weeks ago, the text for the International Sunday School lesson was God's pledge to Jeremiah, given in his call to the prophetic ministry, to be wit him to deliver him from those who would threaten his life because of his message. In the second ime God spoke to Jeremiah, this pledge was repeated, and in this form provides the text for this lesson. As events moved relentlessly toward the fall of Jerusalem and the situation in city and country became increasingly desperate, and as personal danger to the prophet mounted, Jeremiah must have remembered these promises and drawn strength and confidence from them.

The Scripture background for this lesson provides a vivid description oi a city under terrible siege. Part of the prophetic message incorporated in the portions of Jeremiah on which this lesson is based date from the reign of Jehoiakim (608-598 B.C.), but much of what is related in these parts of the book deal with events and the prophet's message on the eve of Jerusalem's capture and destruction (587 B.C.).

Worse than the severe privation which the inhabitants of the city experienced during the siege were the arrogance, the obstinacy, and the cruelty of the princes who dominated the government. King Zedekiah appears a weak, pathetic figure, generally inclined to respect Jeremiah and his prophecy, but a captive in his own palace of theanti-Babylonian clique of princes who took the reins in their own hands and undertook to silence any word contrary to their own policy or critical of that policy. Thus it was that the preaching of Jeremiah, which was directly counter to their plan of alliance with Egypt and rebellion against Babylonia, which Zedekiah adopted, brought about the prophet's imprisonment in stocks and then in dungeon and then in a cistern empty of water but with a considerable amount of mud in which the prophet sank. In each instance, God's promise of deliverance was kept, through human instrumentality.

Jeremiah's message was consistent: Jerusalem was doomed to capture and destruction. As King Josiah had done, Jeremiah saw that the Babylonian star was ascendant and his counsel, viewed in purely secular terms, was pro-Babylonian. He advised collaboration with Babylonia as a policy calculated to save the city from destruction and the lives of king and people. But Jeremiah's counsel was not founded merely on a shrewd analysis of events and affairs. Rather it was based on God's revelation to him of what was in store for Jerusalem and Judah. The little nation had gone past the point of redemption in the people's acceptance of idolatry and sin and in their abandonment of God and His revealed Word. Judgment was inevitable, and doom was certain. The best that could be done was to save life, and in his advice to King Zedekiah, Jeremiah counseled him to surrender to Nebuchadnezzar and avoid the slaughter and destruction which would attend capture of Jerusalem by force.

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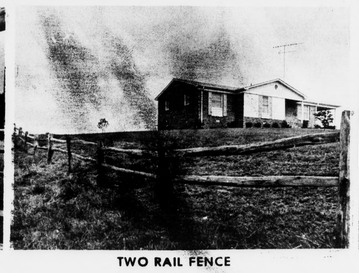
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GLADSTONE

Thought for the week. **Christmas is not a time or a season; but a state of mind to cherish peace and goodwill.**

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Stevens of Lovingston were Sunday guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Hunter.

Mrs. Emmett Cunningham and Mrs. Doris Burks were in Lynchburg on Monday for a checkup at Dr. Leas office.

Mr. and Mrs. Butch Martin are the proud parents of a baby boy born November 21, Steven Christopher in Richmond Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Emmett Bolton has returned home after being in Lynchburg General Hospital for several days. Friends hope she will soon recover.

Mr. John Drumbeller is a patient in a Richmond hospital, where he will undergo surgery on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Cunningham and Mrs. Mason Banton visited Mr. and Mrs. Butch Martin in Richmond on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Moore and daughter, Vickie went to Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg on Friday night to see the living Christmas tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Cunningham and Mr. Herman Cunningham attended the wedding of Janet Cunningham daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cunningham on Saturday night in Richmond.

Week end guest of Miss Vickie Moore was Miss Becky Montgomery from Charlotte, North Carolina.

The season of prayer program for foreign missions was presented last week in the home of Mrs. W. E. Akers. Monday nights program was presented by Mrs. Ernestine Carmody. Tuesday nights program Mrs. Edna Spiggle; Wednesday nights program, Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coleman, of Dillwyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Moore, Jr. and family visited Mrs. Claude Jennings Sunday afternoon.

Miss Myra Young, of Shenandoah Valley Academy is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Young.

Mrs. Sue Washburn, Thursday nights program. Mrs. Edna Spiggle, Friday nights program, Mrs. Emily Akers.

Mr. and Mrs. William Quinns, grandson, Chris Farrar of Lynchburg spent the week end in their home.

A shower was given at the Gladstone Fire House on Friday night for Mr. and Mrs. Billy Watts.

Mr. Emmett Bolton's birthday was Sunday. He was 88 years old. Guest for the birthday dinner in his honor were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stargell from Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bolton, Bonnie and Scott; Sunday evening Mrs. Bea Wallace and Mrs. Emily Akers visited also.

BE ALERT TO ACCIDENTS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

The "Season to be jolly" is also the season for Virginians to be extremely careful around the home.

The 578 accidental deaths that occurred in Virginia homes last year are proof negative that the home can be a dangerous place year-around.

But the Christmas season is potentially the worst seasonfor accidents.

Some of the reasons are obvious.

Cold weather and shorter days keep more people indoors. More flames are present -- the furnace for heating, the stove for cooking, candles and fireplaces for atmosphere; and more electric current is used in appliances.

There are special dangers as well -- spark-emitting Christmas tree lights, flammable Yule trees and decorations, and gift wrapping and unwrapping debris that accumulates dangerously in closets, attics and garages.

BECKHAM

DEC. 12 - Mrs. Herman Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Schmutz were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. H. C. Moore.

Rev. Jacob Mast was guest minister at Trinity Church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard and Miss Eunice Martin attended the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler Sunday afternoon.

The adult choir and their families of Trinity Church enjoyed a Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fleming Drinkard Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Martin visited Mr. H. O. Martin Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Herman Moore spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Schmutz.

Caldwell and Mrs. Elsie Caldwell, and Mr. and Mrs. Hog Elliott visited The Wheelers on Monday.

MISS BRUCE'S 4-H

The regular meeting of Miss Bruce's 4-H club met on December 7. Mr. James Smith helped us with the unit on animals in our project books.

The big news was the election of our officers for 1972-73. They are: President, Philip Jacobs, Vice-President, Steve Mayberry; Secretary-Treasurer, Jayne Doss; Reporter, Randall Franklin; Song Leaders, Kenny Burkes and Dana McGrath. Congratulations and good luck to all officers!

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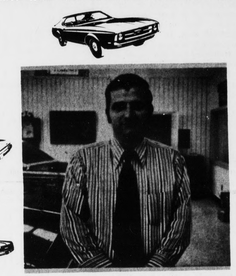
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